

## Department of the Army, DoD

## § 578.62

upon successful completion of a course in aviation medicine.

(m) *Diver badges*—(1) *Badges authorized.* Diver proficiency is recognized by the following badges:

- (i) Master Diver Badge.
- (ii) First-Class Diver Badge.
- (iii) Salvage Diver Badge.
- (iv) Second-Class Diver Badge.

(2) *Eligibility requirements.* An individual must have satisfactorily completed prescribed proficiency tests in accordance with AR 611-75 while assigned or attached to an authorized diving and salvage school or to a unit for which the TOE or TD includes diving personnel.

(3) *Who may award.* The commandant of an authorized diving and salvage school and commanding officer of a regiment, group, or separate battalion for which the TOE or TD includes diving personnel.

(n) *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Supervisor Badge*—(1) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, warrant officer, or noncommissioned officer in grade E-6 or higher may be awarded the badge if he meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(i) Successful completion of basic and special weapons disposal courses of instruction.

(ii) Eighteen months cumulative service in a supervisory position in a TOE or TD which the above explosive ordnance disposal courses are a prerequisite.

(iii) Noncommissioned officers must have been rated excellent in character and efficiency at the time of recommendation for the award.

(2) *Who may award.* Commanding generals of divisions and higher commands, and commanding officers of separate groups or equivalent headquarters exercising operational control of EOD personnel or units.

(o) *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist Badge*—(1) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man may be awarded the badge if he meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(i) Successful completion of the prescribed basic EOD course of instruction.

(ii) Assigned in a TOE or TD position for which the basic EOD course is a prerequisite.

(2) *Who may award.* Same as in paragraph (n) of this section.

(p) *Glider Badge.* The Glider Badge is no longer awarded. An individual who was awarded the badge upon satisfying then current eligibility requirements may continue to wear the badge. Eligibility for award could be established by satisfactory completion of prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or to the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, or by participation in at least one combat glider landing into enemy-held territory as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander.

(q) *Ranger Tab.* (1) The Commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry School may award the Ranger Tab to any person who successfully completed a Ranger Course conducted by that school.

(2) The Adjutant General may award the Ranger Tab to any person who was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving as a member of a Ranger Battalion (1st-6th, inclusive) or in the 5307th Composite Unit, Provisional (Merrill's Marauders) or to any person who successfully completed a Ranger course conducted by the Ranger Training Command.

### § 578.62 Qualification badges and tabs.

(a) *Driver and Mechanic Badge*—(1) *Purpose.* This badge is awarded to denote the attainment of a high degree of skill in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles. Component bars are authorized only for the following types of vehicles and/or qualifications:

- (i) Driver—W (for wheeled vehicles).
- (ii) Driver—T (for tracked vehicles).
- (iii) Driver—M (for motorcycles).
- (iv) Driver—A (for amphibious vehicles).
- (v) Mechanic (for automotive or allied trade vehicles).
- (vi) Operator—S (for special mechanical equipment).

(2) *Eligibility requirements for drivers.* The individual must have:

(i) Qualified for and possess a current U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card (SF 46), issued as prescribed by AR 600-55; and

(ii) Performed assigned duty as a driver or assistant driver of Army vehicles for a minimum of 12 consecutive months, or during at least 8,000 miles and has no Army motor vehicle accident or traffic violation recorded on his Driver Qualification Record (DA Form 348); or

(iii) Performed satisfactorily for a minimum period of 1 year as an active qualified driver instructor, or motor vehicle driver examiner.

(3) *Eligibility requirements for mechanics.* The individual must have:

(i) Passed aptitude tests and have completed the standard mechanics; course with a "skilled" rating or have demonstrated possession of sufficient previous experience as an automotive mechanic to justify such a rating; and

(ii) Been assigned to primary duty as an automotive mechanic, second echelon or higher, or as an active automotive mechanic instructor; and

(iii) If required to drive an Army motor vehicle in connection with automotive mechanic or automotive mechanic instructor duties, qualified for motor vehicle operators permit as prescribed above, and performed duty which included driving motor vehicles for a minimum of 6 consecutive months, and had no Army motor vehicle accident or traffic violation recorded on his Driver Qualification Record (DA Form 348).

(4) *Eligibility requirements for operators of special mechanical equipment.* A soldier or civilian whose primary duty involves operation of Army materials handling or other mechanical equipment must have completed 12 consecutive months or 500 hours of operation, whichever comes later, without accident or written reprimand as the result of his operation, and his operating performance must have been adequate in all respects.

(5) *Who may award.* Commanding officers of regiments, battle groups, separate battalions, and any commanding officer in the grade of lieutenant colonel or higher.

(b) *Basic qualification badges.* A basic qualification badge is awarded to indi-

cate the degree in which an individual, military or civilian, has qualified in a prescribed record course and an appropriate bar is furnished to denote each weapon with which he qualified. Each bar will be attached to the basic badge which indicates the qualification last attained with the respective weapon. Basic qualification badges are of three classes: Expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. The only weapons for which component bars are authorized are:

Weapon	Inscription
Rifle .....	Rifle.
Pistol .....	Pistol.
Antiaircraft artillery.	AA Artillery.
Automatic rifle	Auto rifle.
Machine gun ...	Machine gun.
Field Artillery ...	Field Arty.
Tank Weapons	Tank Weapons.
Flamethrower ..	Flamethrower.
Submachine gun.	Submachine gun.
Rocket Launcher.	Rocket Launcher.
Grenade .....	Grenade.
Carbine .....	Carbine.
Recoilless rifle	Recoilless Rifle.
Mortar .....	Mortar.
Bayonet .....	Bayonet.
Rifle, small bore.	Small bore rifle.
Pistol, small bore.	Small bore pistol.
Missile .....	Missile.

(c) *Who may award—(1) To military personnel.* Any commander in the grade or position of lieutenant colonel or higher may make awards to members of the Armed Forces of the United States. ROTC camp commanders and professors of military science of ROTC may make awards to members of the ROTC.

(2) *To civilian personnel.* Except to uniformed civilian guards, awards to civilians will be made only by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Headquarters, Department of the Army. The authorization for civilian guards to wear marksmanship badges may be made by installation commanders. Civilian guards will procure badges at their own expense.

(d) *Revocation of awards—(1) Basic qualification badges.* An award for previous qualification is revoked automatically whenever an individual, upon completion of firing a record course for which the previous award was made,

has not attained the same qualification. If the bar which is revoked automatically is the only one authorized to be worn on the respective basic qualification badge, the award of the basic badge likewise is revoked automatically. An award once revoked will not be reinstated.

(2) *Driver and Mechanic Badge.* An award of this badge will be revoked only by a commander authorized to award the badge and only for any of the following reasons:

(i) *Motor vehicle driver and operator of special mechanical equipment.* (a) In the event of a moving traffic violation in which life or property was endangered, or an accident which involved either property damage or personal injury wherein the awardee was at fault.

(b) If the event of damage to the vehicle for which the awardee is responsible due to lack of preventive maintenance.

(c) In the event of an unsatisfactory rating of the awardee as a driver.

(ii) *Motor Mechanic.* (a) In the event of failure of awardee to perform his assigned duties as a mechanic in an excellent manner.

(b) In the event of damage to vehicle or shop equipment as a result of careless or inefficient performance of duty by the awardee.

(c) In the event of unsatisfactory shop performance by the awardee.

(3) *Miscellaneous.* An award of a distinguished designation badge or the Excellence in Competition Badge will be revoked only by the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, or by The Adjutant General and only when an award has been made through error or as the result of fraud.

(e) *Distinguished designation badges—*

(1) *Purpose.* A Distinguished Rifleman Badge or a Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge is awarded to a member of the Army or to a civilian in recognition of a preeminent degree of achievement in target practice firing with the standard military service rifle or pistol. Winners of distinguished designation badges will not part with them without authority of the Secretary of the Army and will hold them subject to inspection at any time.

(2) *Types of badges.* Each badge consists of a bar and pendant. There are

two designs of bars: One with inscription "US Army" for award to Army members; and the other with inscription "US," for award to civilians.

(3) *Eligibility requirements.* (i) A member of the Army will be designated as a Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot when he has earned three credits toward the distinguished designation, provided that at least one credit was earned by having been awarded the Excellence in Competition Badge for achievement in the National matches or in the All-Army Championships.

(ii) A civilian will be designated by the Army as a Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot when for the third time he has qualified for award of the Excellence in Competition Badge, provided that at least one of these awards was won in the National matches or for having placed among the upper 50 percent of individuals determined to be entitled to such awards in either a major command competition or National Rifle Association Regional Championship match. Badges awarded prior to 1948 will be considered toward achievement of the distinguished designation under the rules of the match in which won. A credit granted by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice under rules in effect for matches prior to 1948 will be considered toward the award of this badge the same as though an Excellence in Competition had been awarded.

(iii) The year in which a person first became eligible for designation by the Army as a Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot is the year in which he is regarded as having attained the distinguished designation and for which he will be so designated.

(iv) In computing credits toward distinguished designation only one credit per calendar year in any one individual or team match will be allowed.

(4) *Who may award—*(i) *To Army personnel.* Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command. Copies of letters of authorization will be forwarded to The Adjutant General ATTN: AGPF, for record purposes.

(ii) *To all others.* The Adjutant General.

(5) *Engraving.* The name of the recipient and the year of attainment will be engraved on the reverse of the metal pendant.

(f) *Excellence in Competition Badge*—(1) *Purpose.* Excellence in Competition Badges are awarded to individuals in recognition of an eminent degree of achievement in target practice firing with the standard military service rifle or pistol.

(2) *Types of badges.* Types of badges and criteria for award are under revision. When finalized, they will be published in a change to this section.

(3) *Eligibility requirements.* The number of badges which will be awarded in recognition of achievement in the National Matches, the All-Army Championships, Major Command Competitions, or in National Rifle Association Regional Championships will depend primarily upon the number of “non-distinguished” participants in the match. In all competitions except those included in the National Matches the badge will be awarded only for excellence in individual competition. In the National Matches the badge may be awarded for achievement in both individual and team competition. The conditions governing eligibility for award of the badge in the National Matches are prescribed by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice in joint regulations entitled “Rules and Regulations for National Matches”. Comparable badges will be awarded to civilians by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship in accordance with regulations prescribed by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. A badge for excellence in competition in a match conducted subsequent to 1947 will be awarded only to a person whose score in authorized competition constitutes a credit toward a distinguished designation badge. The determination as to whether a badge for excellence in competition which has been awarded for achievement in a match conducted prior to 1948 may be considered toward the award of a distinguished designation badge will be in accordance with Army Regulations in effect at the time such match was conducted.

(4) *Limit on award.* (i) In no case will an individual be awarded more than

one badge of each type. Credits will be given in lieu of additional awards of the same badge.

(ii) Individuals who have either qualified for or attained the distinguished designation are ineligible for further awards of this badge. Any such individual who fraudulently accepts an additional award of the Excellence in Competition Badge when he is aware of his eligibility for distinguished designation, or has been designated as a Distinguished Rifleman or Distinguished Pistol Shot will be subject to revocation of the award.

(5) *Who may award*—(i) *To Army personnel in active service.* Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command. Copies of letters of authorization will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF, for record purposes.

(ii) *To all others.* The Adjutant General, upon recommendation of the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, or the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, as appropriate.

(g) *President's Hundred Tab.* A President's Hundred Tab is awarded to each person who qualified among the top 100 successful contestants in the President's Match held annually at the National Rifle Matches.

## PART 581—PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD

Sec.

581.1 Army Disability Review Board.

581.2 Army Discharge Review Board.

581.3 Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

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### § 581.1 Army Disability Review Board.

(a) *General provisions*—(1) *Constitution, purpose, and jurisdiction of review board.*

(i) The Army Disability Review Board (called the review board in this section) is an administrative agency created within the Department of the Army under authority of section 302, title I, Act of June 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 284), as amended by section 4, Act of December 28, 1945 (59 Stat. 623), to review, at the request of any officer retired or released from active service,